

Overview

The English Language Learner Reference Center is designed for those new to the English language. Unique features include:



- Over 1,000 articles using vocabulary and simplified structure to help non-native speakers. The articles cover a broad range of subject areas including literature, science, history and civics.
- Comprehension quizzes that test the reader's understanding of the articles.
- Research guides and student worksheets to help reinforce good study skills.

Details

Browsing the database

- The Reference Center is divided into four categories: History, Civics & Culture, Life Skills, Literature, and Science. You can access each section from the front page, and explore subcategories of these topics.
- For an overview on how to use the database, click on **ELL Content & Features** in the right menu on the home page, then select "Research Guide: Using the ELL Reference Center."

Listening to text

- At any time, you can highlight words or sentences on a page and click **Listen** to hear the highlighted text out loud.
- If you are in a full text HTML article, click **Listen**  to hear the article read out loud.
 - It is important to remember that this feature only works in full text HTML articles.
- You can also choose how fast you want the article to be read out loud. To do this click on the settings button  and select the reading speed.
- You can select from American, British, and Australian accents. In order to switch accents, you will need to refresh the page.
 - **Keep in mind that the voices are computer-generated.** Certain words, such as surnames and place names, may be mispronounced.

Searching

- The Search Box on the top left side of the home page defaults to a **Basic** search.
- Click on **Advanced Search** underneath the search box to limit your search to full text articles, document type, publication type and publication date.
- You can also narrow your search by reading level.

Create Account

- Create a My EBSCOhost account: click **Sign In** in the upper right corner of the page, then select **Create a new Account**.

Create alerts, save searches, and share with others

- The **Share** button above your search results will allow you to do the following:
 - **Add to folder:** Save either the results to your search or the terms for your search.
 - **Create an alert:** Create an email alert or an RSS feed to be updated whenever a new article on your search term is added to the database.
 - **Use Permalink:** Copy and paste a permanent URL for your results.
 - **Bookmark:** Bookmark your results by choosing from such bookmarking services as Reddit and Digg. Click **Email** to email the results.
- Once you have located an article, the **Tools** column on the right side of the screen allows you to also **Add to Folder, Print, Email, Cite, Export**, create a **Permalink** and **Bookmark**.

Additional Features You Might Like

- You can change the language of the search interface by clicking **Choose Language** above the selected article and clicking the **Translate** button next to it.
- For help on writing research papers, click on **Research Guides** in the right side menu on the home page.
- Click on **Dictionary** in the upper left side of the page to search the American Heritage Children's Dictionary.

More Information

- EBSCOhost Online Guides and Tutorials
 - <http://www.ebscohost.com/government/english-language-learner-ell-reference-center>